



## Speaker Mike Johnson says Republicans are 'ready to deliver' on Trump's agenda

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — House Speaker Mike Johnson said Tuesday that Republicans are "ready to deliver" President-elect Donald Trump's agenda after his election victory, insisting the GOP won't make the mistakes of last time and will be much better prepared for a second-term Trump White House.


Standing on the steps of the U.S. Capitol with the House GOP leadership team, the speaker said there would be no time wasted before work begins on Trump's "America First" agenda of securing the southern border, projecting strength on the world stage and ending "wokeness and radical gender ideology."



Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., speaks at a GOP press conference on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024.

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He expects Republicans will lead a unified government, even though House control is still too early to call.

"We are ready to deliver on America's mandate," said Johnson.

"We will be ready day one. We are prepared this time." With the Capitol as a backdrop, he said, "We're going to raise an 'America First' banner above this place." Trump will meet with Johnson at the Capitol on Wednesday while the president-elect is in town for his visit to the White House, and Johnson said he will be spending the weekend with Trump at his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida as they prepare for the new year.

Congress returned Tuesday to a changed Washington as Trump's hard-right agenda is quickly taking shape, buoyed by eager Republican allies eyeing a full sweep of power on Capitol Hill while Democrats are sorting out what went wrong.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, who saw his party's control of the chamber vanquished by Republicans, said the election wasn't what many Democrats had hoped for, but he would speak with Trump soon. "We should regard this election not merely as a defeat, but more importantly as a challenge," he said.

Even as final election results are still being tallied, the House and Senate leadership is pushing ahead toward a second-term Trump White House and what he's called a mandate for governing, with mass deportations, industry deregulation and wholesale reductions in the federal government.

Trump is already testing the



**House Republican leaders, from left, Majority Whip Tom Emmer, R-Minn., Majority Leader Steve Scalise, R-La., Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., and Rep. Richard Hudson, R-N.C., chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, arrive to tout Republican wins and meet with reporters on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024.**

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norms of governance during this presidential transition period — telling the Senate to forgo its advise-and-consent role and simply allow recess appointments of his Cabinet nominees — and he is staffing his administration and finding lawmakers willing to bend those civic traditions. "Trump's going to deliver his deportations, the drilling, the wall — it's going to take all of us getting together," said Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C., a conservative member of the House Freedom Caucus. But first, the House and Senate leaders will hold internal party elections this week for their own jobs. Most of the top Republican leaders depend on Trump for their political livelihoods and have worked to draw closer to the president-elect to shore up loyalty.

In the Senate, the leadership race to replace outgoing GOP Leader Mitch McConnell is turning into a test of Trump loyalties, with the president-elect's allies

— including billionaire Elon Musk and Make America Great Again influencers — pushing the senators to elect Sen. Rick Scott of Florida. But Scott has not been the most popular candidate for the leadership post, and senators had been rallying around the two "Johns" — Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the second-ranking GOP leader, and Sen. John Cornyn of Texas.

All three Republican senators vying to replace McConnell have rushed to agree with Trump's plan for quick confirmation of presidential nominees. The outcome of Wednesday's private balloting behind closed doors is highly uncertain.

In the House, Johnson wants to retain the speaker's gavel and told colleagues in a letter last week he is ready to "take the field" with them to deliver on Trump's agenda. But he is expected to face detractors behind closed doors.

While Johnson only needs

a simple majority during Wednesday's private voting to become the GOP nominee to be speaker, he will need a 218-member majority in January during a floor vote of the whole House.

A low vote total this week would show the leverage Freedom Caucus members and others have to pry concessions from Johnson, much as they forced then-Speaker Kevin McCarthy into a prolonged vote for the gavel in 2023. Johnson's troubles stem in part from his slim numbers, which are narrowing as Trump taps House Republicans to fill his administration. Trump has already asked Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., to be ambassador to the United Nations and Rep. Mike Waltz, R-Fla., to be his national security adviser.

The speaker said he doesn't expect more departures and Trump "fully understands and appreciates the math here." All told, it's a fundamental reshaping of not only the power centers in Washing-

ton, but the rules of governing, as Trump returns to the White House in January with a potential GOP-led Congress that is far less skeptical or wary of his approach than eight years ago, and much more willing to back him.

"This is going to be a very challenging time," said Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., the chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. She described the "horrific immigration policies" that Trump promised voters and she insisted the progressives in Congress will provide an "effective check" on the new White House, much the way Democrats did during his first term by fighting efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and other policies. At the same time, Jayapal warned Trump will have "many fewer restrictions."

First tests will come during the "lame duck" period of the remaining days of this Congress, the eight-week sprint until Jan. 3, 2025, when the new lawmakers are sworn into office.

In the weeks ahead, Congress faces another deadline, Dec. 20, to fund the federal government or risk a shutdown, and conservatives are redoubling their pressure on Johnson not to cave on their demands to slash spending.

The House and Senate also will consider replenishing the Disaster Relief Fund to help provide aid in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

And with President Joe Biden preparing to exit and Democrats relinquishing their hold on the Senate, there will be pressure to confirm more judicial nominees and to usher out the door any other bills that could possibly become law before Trump takes over. □



# Judge delays ruling on whether to scrap Trump's conviction in hush money case

By JENNIFER PELTZ and MICHAEL R. SISAK

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A judge has postponed a decision on whether to undo President-elect Donald Trump's hush money conviction as prosecutors consider how to proceed in light of last week's election and his lawyers argue for dismissal so he can run the country. The postponement announced Tuesday comes at a dramatic and dynamic point in the New York case, which focused on how Trump accounted for payments to a porn actor before the 2016 election and produced a first-ever conviction of a former commander-in-chief.

Sentencing had been set for Nov. 26. But Manhattan prosecutors now say they're reassessing, and they appear open to the possibility that the proceedings can't go as planned.

"These are unprecedented circumstances," Assistant District Attorney Matthew Colangelo wrote in an email to the court. He said prosecutors need to consider how to balance the "competing interests" of the jury's verdict and the presidency.

Trump lawyer Emil Bove, meanwhile, argued the case must be thrown out altogether "to avoid unconstitutional impediments to President Trump's ability to govern."

The messages were exchanged over the weekend and released Tuesday, when Judge Juan M. Merchan had been set to rule on Trump lawyers' earlier request to toss his conviction for a different reason because of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling this summer on presidential immunity.

Instead, Merchan told Trump's lawyers he'd halt proceedings and delay the ruling until at least Nov. 19 so that prosecutors can suggest a way forward. Both sides agreed to the one-week postponement. Trump campaign spokes-



Former President Donald Trump, standing with defense attorney Todd Blanche, speaks at the conclusion of proceedings for the day at his trial at Manhattan criminal court, Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in New York.

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person Steven Cheung heralded the delay. He said in a statement that the president-elect's win makes it "abundantly clear that Americans want an immediate end to the weaponization of our justice system, including this case, which should have never been filed."

Prosecutors declined to comment.

A jury convicted Trump in May of falsifying business records related to a \$130,000 payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels in 2016.

The payout was to buy her silence about claims that she had sex with Trump.

Trump says they didn't have sex, denies any wrongdoing and maintains the prosecution was a political tactic meant to harm his latest campaign. Trump is a Republican. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, whose office brought the case, is a Democrat, as is Merchan.

Just over a month after the verdict, the Supreme Court ruled that ex-presidents can't be prosecuted for actions they took in the course of running the country, and prosecutors can't cite those actions even to bolster a case centered on purely personal conduct.

Trump's lawyers cited that ruling to argue that

the hush money jury got some evidence it shouldn't have, such as Trump's presidential financial disclosure form and testimony from some White House aides. Prosecutors disagreed and said the evidence in question was only "a sliver" of their case.

Trump's criminal conviction was a first for any ex-president. It left the 78-year-old facing the possibility of a fine, probation or up to four years in prison.

The case centered on how Trump accounted for reimbursing a personal attorney for the Daniels payment. The then-lawyer, Michael Cohen, fronted the money. □

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# Jury awards Abu Ghraib detainees \$42 million, holds contractor responsible

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT**

**Associated Press**

**ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)** — A U.S. jury on Tuesday awarded \$42 million to three former detainees of Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib prison, holding a Virginia-based military contractor responsible for contributing to their torture and mistreatment two decades ago. The decision from the eight-person jury came after a different jury earlier this year couldn't agree on whether Reston, Virginia-based CACI should be held liable for the work of its civilian interrogators who worked alongside the U.S. Army at Abu Ghraib in 2003 and 2004.

The jury awarded plaintiffs Suhail Al Shimari, Salah Al-Ejaili and Asa'ad Al-Zubae \$3 million each in compensatory damages and \$11 million each in punitive damages.

The three testified that they were subjected to beatings, sexual abuse, forced nudity and other cruel treatment at the prison.

They did not allege that CACI's interrogators explicitly inflicted the abuse themselves, but argued CACI was complicit because its interrogators conspired with military police to "soften up" detainees



**This courtroom sketch depicts a former detainee at Abu Ghraib prison, Salah Al-Ejaili, foreground with glasses, at the trial of CACI, a Virginia-based military contractor who is accused of contributing to the abuse and torture of detainees at Abu Ghraib, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., April 16, 2024.**

**Associated Press**

for questioning with harsh treatment.

CACI issued a statement expressing its disappointment in the verdict and its intention to appeal.

"For nearly two decades, CACI has been wrongly subjected to long-term, negative affiliation with the unfortunate and reckless actions of a group of military police at Abu Ghraib prison from 2003 through

2004," the company said. "To be clear: no CACI employee has ever been charged criminally, civilly, or administratively in this matter. CACI employees did not take part in nor were any of our employees responsible for these disturbing events."

Baher Azmy, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights, which filed the lawsuit on the plaintiffs'

behalf, called the verdict "an important measure of Justice and accountability" and praised the three plaintiffs for their resilience. The \$42 million fully matches the amount sought by the plaintiffs, Azmy said. It's also more than the \$31 million that the plaintiffs said CACI was paid to supply interrogators to Abu Ghraib. "Today is a big day for me and for justice," said Al-Ejai-

li, a journalist, in a written statement. "I've waited a long time for this day. This victory isn't only for the three plaintiffs in this case against a corporation. This victory is a shining light for everyone who has been oppressed and a strong warning to any company or contractor practicing different forms of torture and abuse."

Al-Ejaili traveled to the U.S. for both trials to testify in person. The other two plaintiffs testified by video from Iraq.

The trial and subsequent retrial were the first time a U.S. jury heard claims brought by Abu Ghraib survivors in the 20 years since photos of detainee mistreatment accompanied by smiling U.S. soldiers inflicting the abuse shocked the world during the U.S. occupation of Iraq. None of the three plaintiffs were in any of the notorious photos shown in news reports around the world, but they described treatment very similar to what was depicted. Al Shimari described sexual assaults and beatings during his two months at the prison. He also said he was electrically shocked and dragged around the prison by a rope tied around his neck. □

# A pregnant woman sues for the right to an abortion in challenge to Kentucky's near-total ban



**Abortion-rights supporters chant their objections at the Kentucky Capitol, April 13, 2022, in Frankfort, Ky.**

**Associated Press**

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**Associated Press**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)** — A pregnant woman filed a lawsuit Tuesday seeking the right to an abortion in Kentucky in the latest challenge to the state's near-total ban on the procedure.

The suit, filed in state court in Louisville, claims that Kentucky laws blocking abortions violate the plaintiff's rights to privacy and self-determination under the state constitution.

The woman, a state resident identified by the pseudonym Mary Poe to protect her privacy, is about seven weeks pregnant, the suit said. She wants to terminate her pregnancy but cannot legally do so, it said.

"Without the ability to decide whether to continue a pregnancy, Kentuckians have lost the right to make critical decisions about their health, bodies, lives and


futures," the suit said.


It is seeking class-action status to include others who are or will become pregnant and want the right to have an abortion. The suit is challenging Kentucky's near-total trigger law ban and a separate six-week ban, both of which were passed by Republican legislative majorities.


The trigger law took effect when *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022 and bans abortions except to save the life of the patient or to prevent disabling injury. It does not include exceptions for cases of rape or incest.

The lawsuit is similar to legal action taken nearly a year ago, also by a pregnant woman who sought the right to an abortion. That challenge was dropped after the woman learned her embryo no longer had cardiac activity, but abortion rights groups said the legal fight was far from over. □




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## Women switched at birth in 1965 sue Norway for a breach of human rights

By MARK LEWIS  
Associated Press

STAVANGER, Norway (AP)

— In 1965, a Norwegian woman gave birth to a baby girl in a private hospital. Seven days later she returned home with a baby. When the baby developed dark curls that made her look different from herself, Karen Ratteseth Dokken assumed she just took after her husband's mother.

It took nearly six decades to discover the true reason: Ratteseth Dokken's biological daughter had been mistakenly switched at birth in the maternity ward of the hospital in central Norway. The girl she ended up raising, Mona, was not the baby she gave birth to.

The babies — one born on Feb. 14 and the other on Feb. 15, 1965 — are now 59-year-old women who together with Ratteseth Dokken are suing the state and the municipality.

In their case, which opened



The Oslo District Court, Norway, on Oct. 16, 2024.

in the Oslo District Court on Monday, they argue that their human rights were violated when authorities discovered the error when the girls were teenagers and covered it up. They claim Norwegian authorities had undermined their right to

a family life, a principle enshrined in the European human rights convention, and demand an apology and compensation.

Ratteseth Dokken, now 78, was in tears as she described learning so many years later that she got

the wrong baby, according to Norwegian broadcaster NRK. "It was never my thought that Mona was not my daughter," she said in court on Tuesday. "She was named Mona after my mother."

Mona described a sense

of never belonging as she grew up. That sense of uncertainty pushed her in 2021 to do a DNA test, which showed that she was not the biological daughter of those who raised her. But the woman who raised the other baby knew long before.

A routine blood test in 1981 revealed that the girl she was raising, Linda Karin Risvik Gotaas, was not biologically related. The woman raising her, however, did not pursue a maternity case. Norwegian health authorities were informed of the mix-up in 1985, but refrained from telling the others involved.

Both women who were swapped at birth have said in interviews that it was a shock to learn about the mix-up, but the knowledge made pieces of their lives fall into place, explaining differences both in terms of appearance and demeanor. □

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## Parts of Manipur state in northeast India shut down after 10 people killed by security forces

GUWAHATI, India (AP) — Ethnic organizations in parts of India's violence-wracked northeastern state shut schools and businesses Tuesday, protesting the killings of 10 people by paramilitary soldiers.

They called for an 11-hour shutdown in the hill districts of Manipur from 5 a.m. Tuesday. Heavy gunfire was reported overnight in the periphery of the hills and the Imphal Valley.

Life was paralyzed in the area, with schools and businesses closed and people staying indoors. There were no vehicles on the road.

The Manipur state police said those killed Monday were "armed militants" and the soldiers fired at them after they attacked their post near the district town of Jiribam on Monday.

One soldier with a bullet injury was evacu-

ated to a hospital for treatment, the police said in a statement.

However, the Tribal Leaders' Forum said all those killed were local village volunteers belonging to the Hmar ethnic group who were patrolling the area to protect tribal villages following a recent armed attack that killed a woman.

A police statement said the paramilitary soldiers fiercely retaliated against the militants' attack, and a heavy exchange of heavy gunfire lasted 45 minutes.

"A search of the area resulted in the recovery of 10 bodies of armed militants as well as sophisticated automatic weapons," the statement said.

Manipur state has been bristling with ethnic violence since May last year between the majority Meiteis and the minority Kuki-Zo ethnic group. □



A woman is seen in a cramped relief center for people displaced by a deadly conflict between two ethnic communities, near Imphal, capital of the northeastern Indian state of Manipur, Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

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# Dutch appeals court overturns landmark climate ruling against Shell

By **MIKE CORDER**

**Associated Press**

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands**

**(AP)** — A Dutch appeals court on Tuesday overturned a landmark ruling that ordered energy company Shell to cut its carbon emissions by net 45% by 2030 compared to 2019 levels, while saying that "protection against dangerous climate change is a human right."

The decision was a defeat for the Dutch arm of Friends of the Earth and other environmental groups, which had hailed the original 2021 ruling as a victory for the climate. Tuesday's civil ruling can be appealed to the Dutch Supreme Court.

"This hurts," Friends of the Earth director in the Netherlands Donald Pols said.

"At the same time, we see that this case has ensured that major polluters are not immune and has further stimulated the debate about their responsibility in combating dangerous climate change. That is why we continue to tackle major polluters, such as Shell." Outside court, Pols said the fight against climate change "is a marathon, not a sprint, and the race has just begun."

The ruling upholding Shell's



A Shell logo is displayed at a gas station in London, on March 8, 2022.

**Associated Press**

appeal came as a 12-day U.N. climate conference was entering its second day in Azerbaijan where countries are discussing how to fund cutting planet-warming emissions and adapt to ever-increasing weather extremes.

It marked a stinging defeat for climate activists after several courtroom victories. A court in The Hague in 2015 ordered the government to cut emissions by at least 25% by the end of

2020 from benchmark 1990 levels. The Dutch Supreme Court upheld the ruling five years ago.

Earlier this year, a U.N. tribunal on maritime law said that countries are legally required to reduce greenhouse gas pollution. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea found that carbon emissions qualify as marine pollution and said that countries must take steps to mitigate and adapt to their adverse ef-

fects.

And in April, Europe's highest human rights court ruled that countries must better protect their people from the consequences of climate change.

In December the top U.N. legal body, the International Court of Justice, is holding public hearings on climate change after the world body requested a nonbinding advisory opinion on "the obligations of States in respect of climate

change." Dozens of countries are set to present arguments at two weeks of hearings.

In a written summary of Tuesday's ruling, the court said that Shell has a duty of care to limit its emissions, but it annulled the lower court's decision because it was "unable to establish that the social standard of care entails an obligation for Shell to reduce its CO2 emissions by 45%, or some other percentage."

"There is currently insufficient consensus in climate science on a specific reduction percentage to which an individual company like Shell should adhere."

Shell has emitted 36,528 million tons of carbon dioxide, or CO2, since 1854, which is 2.1% of global emissions, according to an April report by the Carbon Majors Database.

Presiding Judge Carla Justra said that Shell already has targets for climate-warming carbon emissions that are in line with demands of Friends of the Earth both for what it directly produces and for emissions produced by energy the company purchase from others. □



Inmates' relatives embrace outside the Litoral Penitentiary in the coastal city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, where a fight among inmates has left at least more than a dozen dead authorities said.

**Associated Press**

**QUITO, Ecuador (AP)** — A fight among inmates has left at least 15 people dead and 14 injured at Ecuador's largest prison, authorities said Tuesday.

The Litoral Penitentiary in

the coastal city of Guayaquil has been the site of frequent riots and mass killings, including one in 2021 that left 119 inmates dead. Authorities provided few details about what trig-

## Ecuador prison violence kills at least 15

gered the latest bout of violence. In a statement, prison officials said that police and military had been deployed to take control of the facility.

Local media reported helicopters could be seen flying over the prison as ambulances and relatives of inmates, some of them shouting in desperation for loved ones, rushed to the gates.

The mass killing is bound to agitate Ecuador's presidential race, where the law & order incumbent, Daniel Noboa, has made improving security, including inside detention facilities, a top priority in his bid to seek re-election next year.

Ecuador's prisons have become among the deadliest in Latin America as overcrowding, corruption and weak state control have allowed gangs connected to drug traffickers in Colombia and Mexico to proliferate. Many are heavily armed with weapons smuggled in from the outside and continue to organize criminal activity from behind bars. The Litoral Penitentiary currently houses about 10,000 inmates or double its capacity.

Ecuador's Attorney General's office said that it is preparing to charge nine inmates with murder stemming from the violence. A dozen outbreaks of vio-

lence in Ecuadorian prisons have left more than 400 people dead since 2001. The prison violence reflects a deteriorating security situation throughout the Andean nation.

Ecuador registered a record 47 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants in 2023, up from a rate of six murders per 100,000 inhabitants in 2018.

President Noboa in January declared a state of emergency and ordered the military to take control of the prisons after gunmen stormed and opened fire in a TV studio and bandits threatened random executions of civilians and security forces. □





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### Before we start, get to know the basics

So what is funchi hasa? Funchi, or Aruban polenta, is a popular side dish for local dishes, like soups, stews and fried fish. Made from a corn flour, water and butter mixture, this appetizer

## Dining in? Try making a local favorite How to make “funchi hasa”

is traditionally eaten alongside a warm meal. However, locals also like to fry sticks of funchi for a quick and filling snack.

### Ingredients (measured by heart)

1. Polenta flour\*
2. Water
3. Butter
4. Salt to taste

### Directions

Bring water to a boil in a medium-sized sauce pan. Add in some salt and butter to taste in the boiling water and let this dissolve and melt. Then, gradually add the flour while stirring with a wooden spoon. The mixture will start to begin to harden pretty fast, so be careful not to add too much. At this phase of cooking, you want a goopy thick mixture, but thin enough so you can continue to stir to get all the lumps out.

After reaching a semi-firm, yet flexible texture,

grab a baking pan or any large, deep plate, and pour the mixture in. Be sure that this plate is wet or greased so that the mixture does not stick to the bottom. Let this cool completely while it firms up for the last time. Once it's cooled you can enjoy it as is, topped with some butter or shredded cheese. Or, you can take it to another level of deliciousness.

When your funchi is firm enough, cut it into strips (size is up to you). Heat up some oil in a pan and fry those babies up! After frying, you can top it with some cheese or enjoy it with your favorite dipping sauce.

Note: We recommend the FUNCHI FRESKU polenta flour brand that is sold in all supermarkets on the island. You can also use yellow corn flour from the brand PAN.

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For today we received a lovely message from Micki Colacone from Montréal, Québec, Canada.

She wrote to us saying: "Aruba to me is the sight of the fofoti trees on Eagle beach!"

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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honorary certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

### The three levels of honor are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)  
Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)  
Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

### The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitors  
Mr. Marc & Mrs. Lucille Poitras from Danielson, Connecticut, United States.

Ms. Marouska Heyliger representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Bucuti & Tara Beach Club Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

### The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Came here for our honeymoon in 2008
- The weather is always good
- We have come to call Aruba, especially Bucuti our 2nd home
- We now have family (our Bucuti people) and friends here!



On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

## Papiamento words and phrases you may want to know!

(Oranjestad)—Aruba is a melting pot of different nationalities, cultures and languages. Primarily for this reason, the average Aruban can understand and speak Dutch, English and Spanish relatively well. However, as much as we pride ourselves in being able to communicate with almost everyone, we cherish our native tongue Papiamento above all else. Want to learn some common words in our language? Here are a few basic words and phrases that can get you a hat tip from an Aruban.



"con bay?" or "con ta?" Con bay is a shortened version of "con ta bay?", which essentially means "how are you?"

When you arrive at the airport in Aruba, one of the first words in Papiamento you may encounter is "Bon bini." Bon bini in Papiamento means welcome, and is probably the most famous Papiamento word for tourists.

### Hi! Bye!

To be fair, there is no unique way to say "hello" in Papiamento. At least, not officially. We often just use the English "hello" or "hey", or Dutch "hallo" to greet someone. We do however, always follow it up with

The word "con" in Papiamento means "how?" and is pronounced with a rounder "o" sounds, like in the English word "cone". "Ta bay" refers to how you are doing.

When we say goodbye, we use the word "ayo" (not like the Ayo Rock Formation, but also...kinda?). We may also use "te oro", which means "see you later".

### Greetings during the day

Most, if not all, languages have dif-

ferent ways to greet according to the time of day, and Papiamento is no different. Since Papiamento is heavily influenced from Portuguese and Spanish, some of these phrases may look very familiar.

1. Bon dia is used in the morning, up to about noon. Bon dia essentially means good morning. The word "bon" means "good", and while "dia" does not directly mean "morning" in English, it is used often to refer to the morning time.
2. Bon tardi. In the afternoon to early evening hours, we use "bon tardi" to greet people, which means "good afternoon". "Tardi" actually comes from the word "atardi", which directly translates to "afternoon". However, the shortened "tardi" is used to keep the rhythm on the phrase. And the same could be said for our last greeting of the day.
3. Bon nochi. You guessed it, "bon nochi" means "good night". Just like "tardi", "nochi" is actually the shortened version of the word

"anochi".

### Yes...no...maybe?

The affirmative and negative expression is very simple in Papiamento. Just like Spanish, our yeses are "si" and our no's are "no". Pretty easy right? If you want to gain some extra points from younger locals, you can also say "se", which is a more casual affirmative used mostly by the younger generation. However, do note: some older generations may find this improper and not respectful, so keep that in mind.

### Thanks man...

Lastly, a word that we can also say more often is "danki", which means literally "thank you". "Danki" is derived from the Dutch word "bedankt". Though we don't really have a translation for "I appreciate it" in English, we do use "masha danki" to convey the message. "Masha" means "a lot" or "very", so "masha danki" means "thank you very much". □





Article by Etnia Nativa

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## Native Heritage Month

Each November, Native American Heritage Month celebrates the rich histories and diverse cultures of Indigenous people and communities around the world, but in Aruba, "Etnia Nativa," which means "native ethnicity," has the daily honor of celebrating the traditions and contributions of Native Arubans in a meaningful, long-lasting way.

Since 1971, this private educational initiative pioneering in heritage themes and indigenous values has taken the lead in contributing to the island's culture, conveying heritage passion and ancestral knowledge into an unforgettable experience. Guided by the principles that Native Arubans are still here and Native art and practice are connected throughout time, Etnia Nativa connects the artistic achievements of its heritage curator through traditional and contemporary means. Its staging presentation of objects, art work, texts, images, etc. creates a vibrant and immersive native link that aims to tell the authentic story of the island, delving into the richness of its heritage and linking ancient objects with contemporary artworks. Storytelling focuses on the authentic. It's about a unique encounter inside an environment where the visitor lives in the past, gains knowledge about the present, and carries the experience into the future.

The exclusive private museum honors the native hereditary heritage by nurturing roots and preserving connections with its ancestors. It values the way of the Arubans and their lives before, during, and after the arrival of the Castilians and other colonial powers. Aruban people survived the time of the Dutch W.I.C., the colonial period, and two world wars. Today, the "progress" preaches globalization as a new world or-



der, demanding total submission. However, the native spirit is relentless and resistant, but Aruba must be protected from those who wish to line their pockets with its resources. This is essential if natives of the island are to live and harvest the moons to come. A catalytic quality of tribal and island community life was all they had to hold on. Whether it was planting maize, beans, squash, or cassava; hunting deer, rabbits, or iguanas; gathering wild fruits and vegetables; harvesting seafood; trading with the mainland and adjacent islands; or simply paying homage to the Creator.

Etnia Nativa's owner and concept developer is a multi-talented individual recognized for his skills as a printmaker, clay artist, amateur anthropologist, newspaper columnist, and more. His artistic expression involves a fusion of native influence and design, often expressed through geometric "glyphs" that reflect the traditional Arubans relationship to the environment. By weaving indigenous techniques and spiritual teachings into their work, they aim to honor and preserve cultural traditions.

Since 1971, native ethnicity's concept sprang out of the earth as an artistic and cultural experiment at "Shidaharaca Gallery" in Oranjestad. From 1994, it started to use the name "Etnia Nativa Art Gallery and Museum," occupying its own building, constructed from reusable materials, in the northwest part of the island, a neighborhood known as Westpunt, gaining recognition as the



only museum in Aruba that interprets native art, ancestral ceremonies, and the natural world as well as the colonial past of the ABC islands. It is where a native approach and native spirit vibrate in every corner of the dwelling and the only place that promotes Aruban native art and culture around the world.

Etnia Nativa recycles waste into art—in masks, paintings, rock carvings, sculptures, books, photos, antiques, plants, and dissected animals—inviting you to learn regarding our natives. We guarantee invaluable traditional knowledge and the intangible living heritage of Aruba's bygone generation. Follow the "native ethnicity" of Aruba thought Island Insight, cultural blog of this newspaper for topics like: The ancestors of Aruba—episode 110; Genetic Inheritance through mtDNA—episode 151; Aruba ancestral legacy I & II—episode 272/3.

Aware that the native Aruban heritage is often denied by government authorities and foreign authors, Etnia Nativa continues to firmly share its educational vision of the true Aruba's roots, celebrating Native Heritage Month once again.

If you are interested in learning the true identity of Aruba, booking a visit to Etnia Nativa—the only "living museum" of the Caribbean—would be a fantastic choice. It has been a trend setter since 1994, as a co-founder of projects such as Arikok National Park, the Archaeological Museum, and the Artisan Foundation, among others. Every week, our newspaper continues to share its valuable knowledge. Don't miss the opportunity to feel the island's spirit through learning real stories that are not just remembered; they resonate, they're felt, and they stir souls. WhatsApp +297 592 2702 etnianativa03@gmail.com





## In celebration of 200 years of the Aruban gold rush: Get to know the history of the gold industry on Aruba



**(Oranjestad)—This year we celebrate a few milestone anniversaries on Aruba, one of them being the 200th anniversary of when gold was first discovered on the island. We have talked about the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruin before and its brief history during the gold industry on Aruba, but get to know a little more about the history of the “Aruban Gold Rush.”**

The first hint of gold on Aruba actually dates back to 1725, when rumors about gold being found in dug up treasure chests of the Spanish colonial era prompted the first official exploration for gold on the island, commissioned by the Dutch West India Company. Under the leadership of Mr. Paulus Printz, a three-year search was conducted on Aruba, to no avail. Though they found some specks of gold, it was not enough to motivate a further search, and the assignment was discontinued by Printz himself. It wasn't until 100 years later, in 1824, when a young farmer boy named Willem Rasmijn found a lump of gold while out herding his father's sheep in the area of Rooi Fluit on the north coast. His father took it to a local merchant who then sold the lump for \$70. Unbeknownst to the boy and his father, they quite literally struck gold, and as word got out, a gold fever spread among the locals who started searching for more gold.

When the colonial governor in Curacao, Governor Cantz'laar, heard about the news, he sent his adjutant, Capitan van Raders, to start harvesting gold. This was in July 1824. In August of that same year, the governor followed suit to the island, accompanied by high-ranking military officials. When citizens started swarming the area in search for gold, The Netherlands sent more troops to safe guard the gold.

Prominent places where gold was found was in Daimari, Wacobana, Arikok, Rooi Fluit, Hadicouradi and later West punt, where gold ore was found. Because of a lack in advanced technology and materials to harvest the gold, the process took a more primitive approach: Clay rocks containing traces of gold were left to dry in the sun. Then, workers would start chipping the clay away on a large canvas to catch the gold particles that were left behind after the wind blew away the dust from the clay.

In the harvest period of 1824-1825, there was a total of 71,000 kilos collected through commissioned harvesting. Locals themselves reportedly found about 25 pounds worth of gold in the nearby rivers. The following years after that first big harvest, commission work fell off, and in 1828, the director of the goldmines, Johan Gravenhorst, decided to halt harvesting.

Almost 40 years later, the London-based Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. was granted concession. The firm built their gold mines on Bushiribana, and in the port of Oranjestad a long road that connected the gold mill to the port. The ores themselves came from Sero Plat en Sero Cristal.

By this point, workers were still using primitive methods to harvest the ores. For example, when someone had to go into the mines, there were no stairs or lifts; the person had to be brought down in a big bucket, with two or more workers holding the bucket by a thick rope above ground. Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. reportedly operated until 1899, and right after the Aruba Gold Concession Ltd. was established, coincidentally also based in London. This time, the gold mill in Balashi was built, and more mines were dug up all around the island. The gold ores that were found were transported via track engine, locally called the “trekinchi”. Despite being more equipped for the job, the Aruba Gold Concession Ltd. could not produce any real profit, and so the concession was terminated just eight years later, in 1908.

A local firm, the “Aruba Goud Maatschappij” (Aruba Gold Company) took over the concession, along with all the materials and equipment. In the beginning, the company saw good profit, and for a while, the island's economy depended primarily on the mining and harvesting of gold. But just like its predecessors, the streak of luck for the Aruba Gold Company came to an end when WWI broke out.

The main reason why production stopped this time was reportedly because of a lack in dynamite for extracting the ores from the mines, as well as a lack in raw materials like German cyanide for the refining process. By the time the war ended, the equipment that was left at Balashi were too old to use again. After the war, gold production on the Aruba was left to a standstill.

According to an issue in Aruba Esso News paper in 1953, Henny Eman wanted to start up digging again, this time using independent miners. He argued that there was proof of more gold to be discovered. Plus, hiring independent miners would boost the island's employment rate.

When it was proven that gold was in fact still present, the executive board on the island promised to fund the project only if the gold dug up proved to be valuable. However, nothing else was reported after this, so it could be concluded that there was no real profitable market on the island anymore.

The ruins of the Bushiribana and Balashi Gold Mills are still standing, and open for the public to visit. These structures offer a glance into the past, to a time where Aruba experienced one of its first wave of industrialization. Today, these structures are persevered as historical monuments. □

Source:

1. “De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over the geschiedenis van Aruba)” by Evert Bongers.
2. Aruba Esso News, 1953 issue.



**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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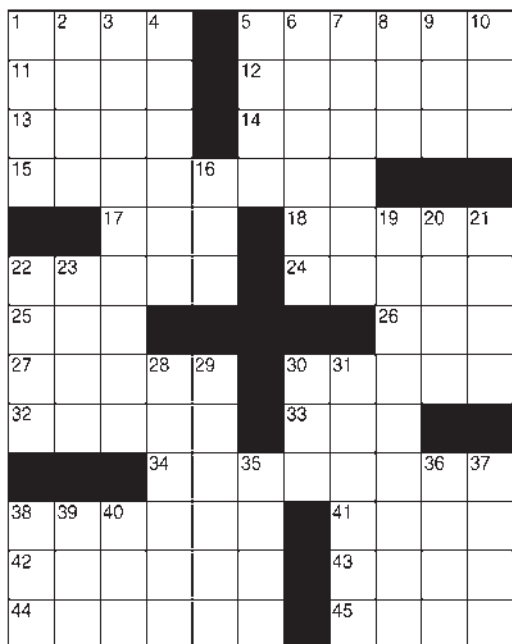
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Yesterday's answer



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AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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**CRYPTOQUOTE**

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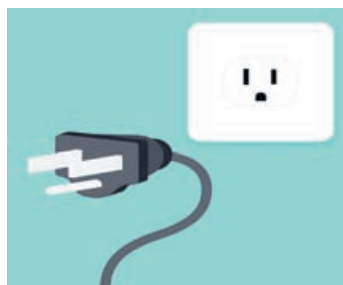
**Supermarket hours**



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

**Electrical power**



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

**Drinking water**



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

**Safety**



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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**Spectators watch the lava flow down the mountain from the Mauna Loa eruption, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, near Hilo, Hawaii.**

Associated Press

## World's largest active volcano Mauna Loa showed telltale warning signs before erupting in 2022

By **CHRISTINA LARSON**  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Scientists can't know precisely when a volcano is about to erupt, but they can sometimes pick up telltale signs.

That happened two years ago with the world's largest active volcano. About two months before Mauna Loa spewed rivers of glowing orange molten lava, geologists detected small earthquakes nearby and other signs, and they warned residents on Hawaii's Big Island.

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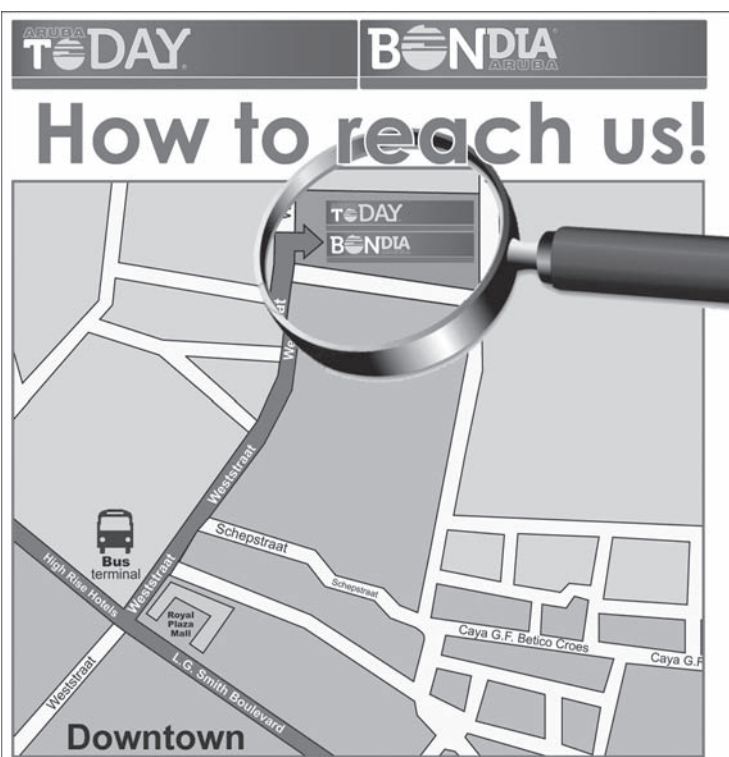
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# Carvana CEO says price declines and interest rate cuts should make used vehicles more affordable

By **TOM KRISHER**  
AP Auto Writer

**DETROIT (AP)** — Since it started selling cars in 2013, Carvana has disrupted the U.S. used vehicle market with no-haggle pricing and an online buying process that cuts out the often-dreaded salesman. The Tempe, Arizona, company took advantage of many buyers' fear of negotiating with a dealer, letting them purchase vehicles via computer and have them delivered to their homes. CEO and co-founder Ernie Garcia says the company has lower costs than conventional dealerships because it doesn't have expensive real estate across the nation. It does have 17 centers nationwide where used vehicles are reconditioned before sale.

So far the company has sold about 2 million vehicles, with sales now running at a rate of 400,000 per year. That's still only a small part of the U.S. used vehicle market of about 36 million sales annually.

Garcia spoke recently with The Associated Press about the used vehicle market and the future of the business.

**Q:** When you started Carvana, did you have research showing that people didn't like negotiating at dealerships?



(Associated Press Illustration/Jenni Sohn)

**A:** There's plenty of research out there that suggests that customers are looking for something that is much simpler. That was the entire premise behind building Carvana. We didn't set out to build an e-commerce platform for selling cars. We set out to build a simpler customer experience where customers could leave confident.

**Q:** Do I pay a premium for this experience over conventional dealerships?

**A:** Versus our largest competitors, on average, customers save about \$1,000, give or take, on price. That's

the flow-through of building a completely different business model. We're buying those cars directly from customers. We have our own finance company, and that means there's not another middleman. Customers go through a self-service platform, which means that we save a lot of money and time that would otherwise go into someone to walk them through that process.

**Q:** Why should I buy a car from you without seeing it? Why should I trust you?

**A:** What we would ask customers to do is trust the 2 million customers that

came before them and bought cars from Carvana. And buy with the confidence of knowing that if the car's not right for you, you can return it, no questions asked, for seven days. And that in many ways that's much, much better than a test drive. Most consumers only test drive a single car. Those test drives generally last a couple of minutes.

**Q:** Do I have to pay to ship a car back?

**A:** You don't have to pay to ship it back. Many cars on the website have no shipping fees. In that case

we'll just come and pick it up. Or we'll drop off a new one if you want to swap the car for another one. If you did buy a car from far away, the shipping fee is not refundable.

**Q:** Used car prices have been dropping for a few months. But there were huge increases during the pandemic. What's going to happen?

**A:** Over the last two years, on average, car prices have been coming down. I think that that trend is generally continuing. There are seasonal times around tax season in February and March, or around return to school in August, where prices can go up a bit. But generally around this time of year, they're going down. For several years, cars got extremely expensive, and that made it hard for a lot of people to buy. Pricing has come down in the last two years. We hope that they continue to come down and that the rates continue to come down as well, driving customer payments lower.

**Q:** We're not back to pre-pandemic prices yet. Do you ever see us returning to that level?

**A:** There's no question car prices went up very significantly in 2021 and 2022 and then interest rates went up to 2023. □

## Small businesses can capitalize on Small Business Saturday with some planning

By **MAE ANDERSON AP**  
Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Small Business Saturday the Saturday after Thanksgiving is coming up. But it doesn't always translate to big sales for small businesses. There are some things small business owners should keep in mind when marketing themselves for the big holiday shopping weekend. American Express introduced a marketing promotion called "Small Business Saturday" 15 years ago. It has been co-sponsored by the Small Business Ad-

ministration since 2011. The idea was to promote small-

er shops over the big box chains like Walmart and



Ashley Craffon looks at tennis shoes at at Shoe Stop while shopping during Small Business Saturday in Wesleyan Park Plaza on Nov. 25, 2023, in Owensboro, Ky.

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Best Buy that typically get the lion's share of business on Black Friday, the Friday after Thanksgiving that is typically the biggest shopping day of the year.

So how can small businesses capitalize on the Saturday and the rest of the weekend? First, shop owners should make sure they have a strong line of communication with customers. Broadcast deals via customer email lists and social media to entice shoppers into the store. Create your own marketing campaign or use free marketing as-

sets offered by American Express that are specific to different industries, including dining, beauty and retail. They include posters and suggested social media posts. Team up with other local businesses. Many communities offer a map of local retailers for customers on Small Business Saturday make sure you're on it. Finally, stock up. If you're offering a promotion, ensure that you have enough stock to deliver on the promotion so customers aren't turned away empty handed. □



# Ohtani, Lindor and Marte are finalists for NL MVP. Judge, Witt and Soto contend for AL honor

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Los Angeles Dodgers star Shohei Ohtani is a finalist for his first National League MVP award after winning the AL honor twice, joined among the top three in NL voting by New York Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor and Arizona second baseman Ketel Marte.

New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge is a finalist for his second American League MVP in three seasons, joined by Kansas City shortstop Bobby Witt Jr. and Yankees outfielder Juan Soto.

Ohtani was unanimously voted the AL MVP in 2021 and 2023 as a two-way star for the Los Angeles Angels and finished second to Judge in 2022 voting. He didn't pitch in 2024 following elbow surgery and signed a record \$700 million, 10-year contract with the Dodgers.

Ohtani would join Frank Robinson for Cincinnati in 1961 and Baltimore in 1966 as the only players to win the MVP award in both leagues.

Pittsburgh's Paul Skenes is a finalist in balloting for the NL Cy Young Award and



**New York Yankees' Aaron Judge rounds the bases after a two-run home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers during the first inning in Game 5 of the baseball World Series, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, in New York.**

NL Rookie of the Year. The 22-year-old right-hander becomes the fifth rookie to finish among the top three in Cy Young Award voting, after Mark Fidrych (1976), Fernando Valenzuela (1981), Dwight Gooden (1984) and José Fernández (2013). The only one to win both in the same year was Valenzuela in the National

League.

Ohtani hit .310, stole 59 bases and led the NL with 54 homers and 130 RBIs exclusively as a designated hitter, becoming the first player with 50 or more homers and 50 or more stolen bases in a season. He helped the Dodgers to the World Series title, playing the final three games with a torn la-

brum in his left shoulder.

Ohtani would become the first primary DH to win an MVP award.

The top three finishers in voting for each of the major individual awards presented annually by the Baseball Writers' Association of America were announced Monday night on MLB Network. Winners will

be revealed next week.

Balloting is conducted before the postseason.

Ohtani would become the 12th player with three or more MVPs, joining Barry Bonds (seven) and Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio, Stan Musial, Roy Campanella, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle, Mike Schmidt, Alex Rodriguez, Albert Pujols and Mike Trout (three each).

Lindor batted .273 with 33 homers, 91 RBIs and 29 steals, while Marte hit .292 with 36 homers and 95 RBIs. Judge led the major leagues with 58 homers, 144 RBIs and 133 walks while hitting .322. Witt topped the big leagues with a .332 average, hitting 32 homers with 109 RBIs. Soto batted .288 with 41 homers and 109 RBIs.

Atlanta's Chris Sale and Philadelphia's Zack Wheeler are NL Cy Young Award finalists along with Skenes, who made his big league debut May 11 and went 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA in 23 starts, striking out 170 in 133 innings. Detroit's Tarik Skubal, Kansas City's Seth Lugo and Cleveland closer Emmanuel Clase are the finalists for the AL honor. □

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## Mike Tyson-Jake Paul: How to watch the fight, time, odds

**By The Associated Press**

YouTube-turned-boxer Jake Paul had to wait an extra four months for his high-profile match with 58-year-old former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

The delay from the original plan for July was caused by Tyson having a medical episode on a plane and needing time to recover from a stomach ulcer.

The rescheduled bout is set for Friday night at the \$1.2 billion retractable roof home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas. The state has sanctioned it as a pro fight with some modifications.

Here's a guide for watching the fight:

When is the Mike Tyson-Jake Paul fight?

It's hard to give an exact

time for the main event Friday night, but it could approach midnight Eastern time. The telecast starts at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Is the Tyson-Paul fight free on Netflix?

While this isn't the more common, and more expensive, pay-per-view format followed by most major boxing events, it does require a Netflix subscription.

Netflix reported more than 280 million subscribers worldwide at the end of the third quarter in 2024.

What are the odds on the Tyson-Paul fight?

Paul is a minus-210 betting favorite, according to BetMGM Sportsbook. That means the payout for a Paul victory would be slightly less than half the amount of any bet. The

most bet prop is for Tyson to win by KO/TKO or DQ (+275), followed by Tyson to win on points (+1000) and Tyson to win in the first round (+1400).

What's the age difference between the fighters?

It's 31 years. Paul is 27.

When was Tyson's last sanctioned fight?

Tyson retired in 2005 with a record of 50-6, with 44 knockouts, after losing to Kevin McBride. He fought Roy Jones Jr. in an exhibition five years ago. Paul is 10-1 with seven knockouts against mostly undistinguished opponents. His loss was to Tommy Fury, the less-accomplished half-brother of former heavyweight champion Tyson Fury.

How many rounds are scheduled for the Tyson-Paul fight?

The fight is scheduled for eight two-minute rounds, as opposed to the normal three minutes and 10 or 12 rounds for most pro fights. Tyson and Paul also will use heavier gloves with the idea of decreasing the power of

punches. The gloves will be 14 ounces instead of 10. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has said Tyson's physical condition met the criteria for the fight to proceed. □



**Mike Tyson, left, and Jake Paul, right, pose for photos during a news conference promoting their upcoming boxing bout, Thursday, May 16, 2024, in Arlington, Texas.**

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## Analysis: Injuries are a common theme for teams off to fast or slow starts as NBA Cup begins

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

Cleveland has won its first 12 games and is off to the best start in the league. There are 10 teams in the Western Conference with winning records. And somehow, only two teams in the Eastern Conference have winning records.

There is a common dominator on both sides of the ledger: Everybody is hurt. At least it seems that way. Joel Embiid, Paul George and Tyrese Maxey have yet to play together for Philadelphia. Khris Middleton hasn't debuted this season for Milwaukee. Same goes for Kawhi Leonard with the Los Angeles Clippers. New Orleans already without CJ McCollum and Dejounte Murray is bracing for weeks without Zion Williamson.

Orlando will be missing Paolo Banchero for probably 10 more games, at minimum. Scottie Barnes is sidelined in Toronto. Phoenix's Kevin Durant, Memphis' Ja Morant and Miami's Jimmy Butler are all likely out for a week or two at minimum. And now Oklahoma City is facing months without Chet Holmgren, who missed what would have been his entire first season, then played every game last season, and now is out. All those big-name injured players are critical to their teams, all of them All-Star or in some cases All-NBA candidates when they're at their best.

"On one hand I know how to approach it, I know what to do, what not to do and how beautiful the other side is," Holmgren wrote on social media after getting hurt Sunday night. "But on the other hand I've felt the frustration of this process,



Oklahoma City Thunder staff help Thunder forward Chet Holmgren (7) after he was injured during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Golden State Warriors, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, in Oklahoma City.

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and the wear it puts on your mind."

By any measure also including the absence of San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich for medical reasons the first three weeks of this season have not gone well on the NBA health front.

Plenty of teams are depleted going into this week's start of the NBA Cup the new name for what was called the In-Season Tournament a year ago when it debuted.

Among Tuesday's opening tournament games on the colorful courts: Dallas at Golden State, in Klay Thompson's return to the Bay for the first time in anything other than a Warriors uniform.

"To me, it's just another regular season game in No-

vember," Thompson said, downplaying what will certainly more than that.

It'll mean plenty to the Warriors. "We've had homecomings before," Golden State star Stephen Curry said, "but nothing like this. ... He deserves the celebration and the welcome that he's going to get."

For some teams Philadelphia (2-7) and Milwaukee (2-8) among them maybe the NBA Cup can be the springboard to a much-needed jumpstart to the season. The 76ers are getting Embiid back, which will obviously help. The Bucks have Giannis Antetokounmpo but will open tournament play Tuesday against Toronto without Damian Lillard, added to the injury list Monday night because he's now in con-

cussion protocol.

"I think you'll see every team, no matter what their record is, I think people will take it way more serious," Bucks coach Doc Rivers said. "First of all, I think they understand it now. I did a lot of interviews and I was with a few guys in Vegas who made it (last year for the tournament's final four) and didn't understand it. They didn't even know how they got there. Now, I think everybody kind of understands it."

It's not that difficult to figure out: teams are in a group of five, play the other four teams once, and the six group winners along with two wild-cards go to the quarterfinals. Win that, and you go to Las Vegas for the semifinals. Indiana made the final last year and it's

more than reasonable to say the Pacers learned something from that experience that helped propel them to the East finals last spring.

"Our guys got a real taste of what the elevated stage is all about," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said at the time.

The Pacers entered Monday third in the East, but they lost James Wiseman and Isaiah Jackson to Achilles tears early in the season, and now are without Aaron Nesmith and Andrew Nembhard.

Nobody, it seems, is safe from the injury bug. Not even the Cavs, who have gotten off to their red-hot start with Max Strus out since preseason with a badly sprained ankle.

But they have more than endured, and other teams have found ways to get through being short-handed as well. Boston, for example, just played four games without Jaylen Brown; the NBA champions, to no one's surprise, are off to a 9-2 start. Other than the Celtics and Cavs, every team in the East starts play Tuesday at .500 or worse.

The Magic haven't been the same without Banchero. It'll be a test for the Thunder to remain near the top of the West without Holmgren. Those coaches Orlando's Jamahl Mosley and Oklahoma City's Mark Daigneault see the absences of their young stars as opportunities for others to grow into evolved roles. But nobody wants to dig too deep a hole, either. It's early, but what happens now might be the difference for some teams when it's time to fight for seeding in April. □